

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

Cross-Reference

Priority is claimed to German ~~patent~~ utility model application no. 202 10 763.9, filed July 17, 2002, the contents of which are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a schematic side view of linkage parts within a representative foldable convertible top according to the present teachings, in which a front portion of the convertible top is shown in a raised position.

Figure 2 shows the representative foldable convertible top in an intermediate position, in which the front portion has further moved toward the closing direction of the convertible top, as compared to Figure 1.

Figure 3 shows the representative foldable convertible top in a completely closed state, in which a representative traction cable coupled to a representative dampening device is shown in a taut state.